

What is claimed is:

1. An optical pickup device, in which a laser beam emitted from a first semiconductor laser element is incident upon a recording medium via a shaping prism in order to record or replay information, characterized in that:
5 a portion of the peripheral rays emitted from the laser beam to be incident upon the shaping prism is incident upon the outer wall of the shaping prism, the reflected light thereof is guided into a light-receiving element, and the output of light emitted from the first semiconductor laser element is controlled in
10 accordance with the output signal of said light-receiving element.
2. The optical pickup device of claim 1, further comprising a reflection means (4) for making the laser beam emitted from the first semiconductor laser element reflect and guiding to the shaping prism; characterized in that said light-receiving element is arranged adjacent to said reflection means.
- 15 3. The optical pickup device of claim 1, further comprising an second semiconductor laser element, characterized in that record or replay of information is carried out by making the laser beam emitted from said first semiconductor laser element incident upon the recording medium via said shaping prism; and record or replay of information is carried out by making the laser beam emitted
20 from said second semiconductor laser element incident upon the recording medium via said shaping prism.
4. The optical pickup device of claim 3, further characterized in that:
the first semiconductor laser element is utilized when recording information to, or
replaying information from a high-density recording disk; and
25 the second semiconductor laser element is utilized when recording information to, or replaying information from a low-density recording disk.
5. The optical pickup device of claim 3, said shaping prism further having an incidence portion on which the laser beam emitted from the first semiconductor laser element is incident and a reflection portion whereby the

laser beam emitted from the second semiconductor laser element is reflected: characterized in that a portion of the peripheral rays of the laser beam is reflected at the outer wall between said incidence portion and said reflection portion; and the reflected light thereof is guided to the light-receiving element.

- 5 6. The optical pickup device of claim 1, further characterized in that:
a reflection means (4) is provided whereby the laser beam emitted from the first semiconductor laser element is reflected and guided to the shaping prism; the laser beam emitted from the first semiconductor laser element forms a V-shaped locus by being reflected through the reflection means (4) to reach the shaping
10 prism; and of the small angle and large angle specified for said laser beam's V-shaped locus, said light-receiving element is positioned on the same side as the large angle.